



SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER

Pregnancy Exposure Registry / Birth Defects Surveillance

(Part-time - 16-24 hours per week)

CENTRE FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE EPIDEMIOLOGY AND RESEARCH
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND FAMILY MEDICINE
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The Centre for Infectious Disease Epidemiology (CIDER) is a multidisciplinary infectious disease research centre addressing priority research questions related to HIV and tuberculosis clinical epidemiology and delivery of health services. "B-positive", a population-based registry and cohort evaluation of expanded ART (anti-retroviral therapy) access in pregnancy, is an ongoing NIH-funded project. Part of the project involves implementing a pregnancy exposure and birth surveillance register at sentinel sites within Cape Town.

CIDER is seeking to appoint a Senior Research Officer who will adapt national and global guidance on establishing pregnancy and birth defects programs for local circumstances, adapt stationary in conjunction with provincial counterparts, establish and provide technical and analytical support, and assist with the training and supervision of staff and students. In addition, s/he will participate in the analysis and interpretation of data, and the writing up and communication of the project findings. The appointee will report directly to the study PI.

Required qualifications

A post-graduate qualification, preferably a PhD, in an appropriate field: pharmacy/pharmacology, public health surveillance, maternal and child health.

Required experience and expertise

- Experience in Drug Safety, Adverse Drug Reactions and Adverse Reaction Monitoring (pharmacovigilance) as pertains to pregnancy and fetal development (min 3 years)
- Interpretation of pharmacovigilance information
- Experience in the adaptation and implementation of surveillance or monitoring programmes at scale in routine health services
- Research experience evidenced by qualifications and publishing
- Management experience

Responsibilities

- Adaptation of guidance on Pregnancy Exposure programmes for local circumstances
- Supporting implementation of the Western Cape Pregnancy Registry/Birth Defects Surveillance Programme including, adaptation of stationary and databases in conjunction with provincial counterparts
- Establishment and provision of technical and analytical support systems
- Training and supervision of students, staff and clinicians
- Analysis and interpretation of data, and the writing up and communication of the project findings

This will be a position on permanent conditions of service, appointed as a part-time Senior Research Officer, remunerated according to the UCT Academic pay scale policy. Please note that this position is funded through external (donor) funding and ongoing employment is subject to the availability of funding and operational need.

To apply, please e-mail the below documents in a **single pdf file** to Ms Vathiswa Mbangi at Recruitment05@uct.ac.za:

- UCT Application Form (download at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>)
- Cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

An application which does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete.

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